

Maryland SICC

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SICC General Meeting

Johns Hopkins University/Center for Technology in Education (CTE)

6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Thursday, January 3, 2013 – 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Minutes

Attendance: Brenda Hussey-Gardner, Ph.D., Chair, Amy Nicholas, Karen Larenas, Mary Leppert, Jacqueline Power, Wendy Baber, Linda Ramsey, Debbie Crosby, Cynthia Wacker, Suzann Wayson, Erin Stauder, Monica Ortiz, Amy Cropp, Veronica M. Bech, Beth Boyle, and Alyson Felder

Guest: Natasha Fields

Excused: Curtisha Hopkins; and Liz Kelley

Staff: Donna Riley; Clara Coleman; Pam Miller; Brian Morrison; Nancy Vorobey

Dr. Hussey-Gardner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Welcome Remarks Introductions

Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner welcomed all members and guests.

II. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brenda Hussey-Gardner

Minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected.

III. Announcements & Public Comment: Brenda Hussey-Gardner

Dr. Brenda Hussey-Gardner stated she had not received any requests for public comment. For future reference, if anyone desire to make an announcement and/or public comment, please contact her at bhussey@peds.umaryland.edu prior to the SICC meeting.

IV. SICC Report

- A. SICC Membership & Annual Ethic Commission Reporting: Donna Riley
1. SICC still needs parent members.
 2. The 2012 Board and Commission Financial Disclosure Statement are due by April 30, 2013.

3. It is important to remember that members are reporting for the previous calendar year for January 1 to December 31 (i.e. in 2013 you are filing for 2012).
4. The filing site can be accessed at <https://efs.ethics.state.md.us>.
5. For username or password help, call the State Ethics Commission Office at (410) 260-7770.

B. Upcoming Meetings:

1. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7, 2013, from 1-4p.m at CTE (Rooms 218-219).
2. The joint SICC/LICC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2013, from 12-4 p.m. A location is still needed for this meeting.

C. LICC Birth through Five Survey Results & Next Steps: Amy Nicholas
Only eight LICCs responded to the survey. Another reminder will be sent.

D. Legislative Update: Rachel London

1. A study on the barriers to quality childcare was presented. Of the 450 families in the study, 72% reported difficulties finding quality childcare. 64% reported having lost income due to the lack of childcare. The study recommended that Maryland law-makers and the MSDE Office of Child care address the following:
 - Capacity Building
 - Training & Technical Assistance
 - Funding
 - Improved Information Dissemination

E. Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant: Liz Kelley

1. Liz Kelley was sick and the updates will be shared at the March meeting.

V. MSDE Birth Through Five (Former ECIE) Updates: Donna Riley, Brian Morrison, Nancy Vorobey, and Pam Miller

A. Proposed Part C Regulations: Donna Riley

1. Regulations are scheduled to be published in the Friday, January 25, 2013 issue of the Maryland Register. The Maryland Register may be accessed online at <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/MDRegister/mdregister.aspx>.
2. Written comments may be sent to Ms. Donna R. Riley, Branch Chief, Policy and Accountability Branch, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, Maryland State Department of Education, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2595; by fax at (410) 333-1571; or by email at driley@msde.state.md.us. Comments must be received no later than February 25, 2013.

B. Public Hearings: Donna Riley

1. Five public hearings will be conducted to provide the public an opportunity to orally comment upon the proposed amendments. Persons wishing to make oral public comment must be registered to speak. To register, contact Clara Coleman, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, at (410) 767-0249 (voice), (410) 333-1571 (fax) or ccoleman@msde.state.md.us (email). Please register no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the applicable public hearing. Each registered presenter will have three minutes to present their testimony and should bring a written copy of their comments to the hearing for the moderator.
2. Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Contact Clara Coleman, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services, 200 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 at (410) 767-0249 (voice), (410) 333-1571 (fax), or at ccoleman@msde.state.md.us (email).
3. Each public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

C. Possible Revisions to Proposed COMAR - Age Adjustment: Brenda Hussey-Gardner

1. Dr. Hussey-Gardner gave an update of the adjusting age activities that have been conducted to date, including implementation of an Adjusted Age Task Force, an investigation into the number of children born prematurely at each NICU in Maryland, and an investigation into the potential fiscal impact of age adjusting. Brenda and Brian Morrison presented to the local Special Education Directors, Infants and Toddlers Directors, and Preschool coordinators about the age adjustment process.
2. Brian Morrison reported on a survey MSDE sent to the NECTAC Listserve to examine other states' policies regarding age adjustment. MSDE received responses from 14 states. Out of the 14 responses, 8 states reported adjusting for prematurity. The length of time each state adjusted for varied from 12 months to 24 months of age. Three of the 8 states only adjusted if the assessment tool used recommended it.

D. Preliminary SPR/APR Data: Brian Morrison, Pam Miller, and Nancy Vorobey

1. Brian Morrison reported on the compliance indicators for the FFY 2011 Part C SPP/APR submission. In general, it was reported that compliance remains fairly high with slight increases in a few compliance indicators. Brian also noted that indicator 9, the correction of noncompliance, was not at 100% for the first time due to a fiscal finding of noncompliance that was not corrected within 1 year of notification. That finding has since been corrected.

2. Pam Miller reported on performance indicators for the FFY 2011 Part C SPP/APR submission, including the Extended IFSP Option data. Targets were met for all performance indicators except for child outcomes. Pam reported slight decreases in child outcomes.
 3. Nancy Vorobey reported on the preschool indicators for the FFY 2011 Part B SPP/APR submission. Several of the preschool child outcomes met state targets.
- E. Federal Application (Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2013) (State Fiscal Year (SFY 2014)
1. Donna Riley reported that the MSDE was currently working on the Federal Application, due to OSEP on April 22, 2013, and the SFY 2014 CLIG application. The Federal Application will be posted for public comment on the MSDE website for 60 days.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Dr. Hussey Gardner adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for his or her attendance.